

2006 Annual Conference

September 26-29, 2006

Quad Cities, IL & IA



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Building Bridges

(Community, Collaboration, Celebration)

Association of Midwest Museums (AMM)

Illinois Association of Museums (IAM)

Iowa Museum Association (IMA)

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In a unique collaboration, three museum associations will come together for a very special conference. The Association of Midwest Museums (AMM), the Illinois Association of Museums (IAM), and the Iowa Museum Association (IMA) will literally cross bridges over the Mississippi River to examine how museum collaborations can benefit institutions and celebrate communities. The 2006 AMM Conference, *Building Bridges*, will explore how museums engage in creative partnerships, both with other museums and other community organizations.

Sessions provide an opportunity for museum professionals from museums and related institutions of all sizes, types, and backgrounds to examine how others in the profession solve problems, develop programs and exhibits, and collaborate. We invite proposals that examine different points of view, involve innovative thinking, and provide new approaches to problem-solving. If you'd like to tackle this theme or propose a topic of your own, we invite you to submit a proposal. Presenters should represent a variety of museums, disciplines, and a diversity of museum sizes. Speakers outside of the industry are encouraged to submit proposals. Additional conference information can be downloaded from the AMM, IAM, or IMA web sites.

Mail, fax, or e-mail your proposal by January 31, 2006 to:

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the Illinois Association of Museums (IAM), and the Iowa Museum Association (IMA)*

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Title of proposal:

Author of proposal:

Institution:

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Please **circle** or **underline** the session format type and length of session below:

- **Roundtable:** led by one or two leaders, offers informal discussion on specific issues. Because group participation is essential, session leaders must apply techniques to stimulate dialogue. (1¼ or 2½ hr.)
- **Workshop:** teaches specific skills in group settings. Experts use active learning methods and techniques. Fees may be charged to cover material costs. Enrollment is limited. (half or full day)
- **Debate:** deals with a subject head on. Be sure to get quick thinkers with well-developed ideas (1¼ or 2½ hr.)
- **Panel:** two or more speakers offer different perspectives on professional problems and issues. Each session must have a chair to introduce speakers, moderate discussion, and keep the session on schedule. Try to include panelists from a variety of museum sizes and types. (1¼ hour)
- **Other** (e.g. – interview) - please explain: _____

(Panels are the most often used format but are not always effective, especially if they run long and leave no time for discussion. Think about other formats appropriate to the needs of our colleagues. Be creative and combine more than one format if appropriate.

Session tracks: This session relates to (**circle, bold, or underline** all that apply); feel free to add a category to list:

<i>"Building Bridges" Theme</i>	<i>Education/Programs</i>	<i>Professional Development</i>
<i>Administration/Management</i>	<i>Evaluation</i>	<i>Publications</i>
<i>Archives/Libraries</i>	<i>Ethics</i>	<i>Security/Facilities</i>
<i>Audience Development</i>	<i>Exhibits</i>	<i>Small Museums</i>
<i>Collections/Registration</i>	<i>Finance</i>	<i>Special Events</i>
<i>Conservation</i>	<i>Governance</i>	<i>Technology</i>
<i>Curation</i>	<i>Human Resources</i>	<i>Tribal/Ethnic Museums</i>
<i>Development/Fundraising</i>	<i>Marketing/P.R Membership</i>	<i>Visitor Services</i>
<i>Directors/CEOs</i>	<i>Museum Shops/Product Development</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>
<i>Diversity and Access</i>	<i>Museum Studies</i>	<i>Other: _____</i>

On a separate piece of paper, please submit the following:

Session description : 75 words or less; consider focus and intent of proposal, relationship to theme, and overall objectives you wish to achieve. **Also note if this session is sponsored by a Standing Professional Committee.**

List of additional presenters: include names, titles, institutions, addresses, phones, faxes, and e-mails.

PLEASE NOTE: All presenters are expected to register for the conference. No exceptions are allowed. AMM does not pay for travel expenses or stipends for session speakers.

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